

SENATE BILL 3228

By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9, relative to criminal history records checks for higher education employees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-149, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (c) and by redesignating the current subsection (c) and subsequent subsections accordingly:

(c) All persons applying at public institutions of higher education for employment involving custodial services for campus facilities on or before being employed in such position, shall be required to:

(1) Supply a fingerprint sample and submit to a criminal history records check to be conducted by the Tennessee bureau of investigation (TBI) and the federal bureau of investigation (FBI) or other vendor contracted for the same purposes; and

(2) Agree that the results of the criminal history records check will be sent to the institution.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-149, is further amended by deleting the current subsection (d) and by substituting instead the following:

(d) No person whose name is reported to be on the state's or another state's sex offender registry shall be hired to work in a position permitting such person access to students' rooms or apartments in a student housing facility owned or operated by a public institution of higher education or in a position involving custodial services for campus facilities.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.